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OFFICE OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
HQS DIRECTIVE 7-2

MANAGEMENT
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ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL PROPOSAL REGISTER

I. GENERAL

1. The increase of proposals for new equipment, including research and development of such items, as well as recommendations for changes (excluding ECP's) involving equipment already in use, has reached a point where it is now necessary to establish controls for the receipt, dissemination and follow-up on actions resulting from such proposals. These proposals cover the broad spectrum of all types of equipment used by OSA on those programs over which it has operational control, from the composite unit, such as a new aircraft, to its various subsystems and parts.

2. In order to avoid duplication, as well as to insure that each component which has an interest is aware of the proposal and should play a role in analyzing it, the establishment of a Central Proposal Register to handle this responsibility is indicated.

II. DESCRIPTION

1. Proposals reach the Office of Special Activities in five general ways:

a. From the manufacturer, supplier, laboratory, research and analysis organization, etc., directly to the OSA Project Officer or the unit of OSA which then monitors the programs involved. This is (probably) the most frequent way.

b. From within the Agency, from a unit that has received the proposal in the first instance, or has originated it.

c. From one of the other government agencies or Department of Defense components familiar with OSA's mission.

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d. By correspondence from an affiliated manufacturer, etc., in mail directed to OSA Registry Branch's post office box(es).

e. From members of OSA, either as an original proposal or as a result of joint planning with Agency or non-Agency personnel.

2. Proposals and recommendations such as those referred to above take many forms, but the most common is with reference to an already existing and operational piece of equipment. The establishment of a Control Register is intended in no way to interfere or delay improvement in current equipment. All OSA components engaged in day-to-day improvement in close cooperation with supplier counterparts should continue such a practice. The Control Register is meant as an administrative and management tool and is concerned chiefly with written proposals of more or less formal nature which involve distinct changes not previously contemplated and not previously budgeted.

III. PURPOSE

In order to properly coordinate, to take appropriate action and to resolve these proposals and recommendations, a Central Proposal Register is required to monitor the overall management control, from logging to final action. It is also intended that, by the establishment of such a practice, OSA will be in a position not only to handle current requirements, but also to project future plans encompassing distinctly new programs as well as follow-on equipment within the scope of the OSA charter.

IV. PROCEDURES

1. Upon receipt of a proposal which falls in one of the categories outlined in paragraph II.1 above, the package should be channeled immediately to the Central Proposal Register, Deputy for Technology, (CPR/D/TECH/OSA). There it will be logged, action section(s) designated and provided with the proposal, and a suspense date assigned (if applicable).

2. All copies of the proposal will be turned over initially to this control point to insure that all interested parties will be provided copies.

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3. It will not be the function of the Central Proposal Register to take action (except in those cases where the Deputy for Technology is, from the nature of the proposal, immediately responsible) but to serve as a record keeping and coordinating mechanism.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Deputy for Technology will be responsible for carrying out the purpose of this Directive.

2. All OSA divisions and branches will channel all proposals described above to the Office of the Deputy for Technology, attention: Central Proposal Register (CPR/D/TECH/OSA) for disposition.

3. The Central Proposal Register will disseminate and monitor all proposals with an eye to:

a. Further action if the appropriate units concerned deem the proposal has merit.

b. Suspense of action if such is deemed advisable.

c. Termination of action if the proposal is deemed infeasible in OSA projects, or should more properly be addressed to another Agency component. In the latter case the Control Officer will take necessary action to forward such proposals to these units.

d. Advise originator of proposal regarding outcome, and if termination of action is determined to be appropriate course, return proposal to the originator.

e. The Office of the Deputy for Technology will keep the Assistant Director for Special Activities advised of all meritorious proposals, and in coordination with appropriate units, submit recommendations.

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VI. DELEGATION

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is named the Proposal Control Officer, OSA.

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